

Coffee on the Keyboard

Basic Computer Tips and Ideas for RAW Beginners

by Kenda Coffee
Editor Opening Page

Instant minimization

Click and close. The beauty of Windows is that you can keep several programs open and running at the same time.

But every once in a while you would like to minimize them all so you can find an icon on the desktop.

If you have a reasonably new computer the keyboard has two keys on it with the Microsoft Flying Flag logo. Holding that and pressing the "d" key at the same time makes all the open programs disappear. There is a windows key at the left and at the right of the keyboard. Since the "d" key is over toward the left, you can hold the left windows key and press d with one hand. I hold my left thumb on the windows key and put my index finger above and across to the d.

Want the programs all back again? Just do it again. Some keyboards also have a right mouse key. It has a picture of a page with an arrow pointing on it. One touch of that key gives you the same drop-down menu choices as pressing the right mouse key does. It is to the right of the right windows key. But pressing it a second time does not close the little menu. You have to click on an open space to do that.

Microsoft has free updates for a lot of their software. To get it go to www.windowsupdate.microsoft.com. It will scan your system to see what you have installed and give you the option to download updates that are newer than your present version. If you have system crashes there may be a conflict that one of the updates will cure.

The Microsoft site and other sites with computer help and free software are available at www.openingpage.com.

A little something you can do about Y2K

Does all the Y2K talk scare you? It is a Chicken Little type of thing. You remember, Chicken Little ran around saying "the sky is falling." Here is something positive you can do.

In Windows press

Start

Then Settings

Then Control Panel

Then Regional

Date

Set the "short date" display to 4 digits for the year (yyyy). If you fail to do this, all is not lost, however, as Windows will interpret any 2 digit date as between 1930 and 2029. Thus if you enter 00 it will interpret that as 2000, enter 01 and it is 2001.

Entering 00 will not be interpreted as 1900 as some would have you believe. Every serious computer program written in the past 20 years uses four digits for the year in all dates.

It Pays to be Careful of E-mail Attachments

Never open an e-mail attachment that you are not expecting or do not know exactly what it is or who it came from. E-mail attachments are a way of infecting your computer with a virus. Viruses such as "melissa" and "explorer.zip" are two recent examples of destructive attachments sent by malicious hackers.

Check the Reply-To address on all incoming e-mails. There are 3 basic message headers (From, To, and Subject). And there is a fourth header Reply-To; that is sometimes part of your e-mail.

That header specifies the address to which a message should be replied to, instead of the From: header. If the Reply-To: header is blank, then replies are automatically sent to the From: header.

Check your e-mail about every ten minutes. You can set the time interval that your e-mail program automatically checks for mail. Look for the setups under tools or under options, or under special, or setup or advanced. You will find it lurking under there somewhere. You can also set your e-mail program to accept or reject attachments. Or to accept or reject html encoded messages, those include ones with hyperlinks to websites.

If your e-mail system checks for incoming mail too frequently it may check before previous messages have been fully downloaded resulting in a disastrous collision, an accident that may cause you to lose that one important message you wanted so badly you set the system to check once a minute. Don't be greedy.

Strange Formatting

Oops. Have you looked at your Word document and seen some strange formatting? Perhaps a word has migrated to the wrong line. Your heading that was double spaced is now single spaced.

When you have strange spacing problems, the first thing to do is click the "Show All" button on the toolbar at the top. It looks like a paragraph mark. This lets you see all the paragraph marks and all other formatting marks on the page. I predict you will find (and fix) the problem.

Marking a Favorite Place on the Internet

The quick and easy way. So you have been surfing the web you found a place you want to come back to later. Mark it as a favorite. Relax, this is going to be easy. Hold the control key and press D and it is done. It will be in your list of favorites.

If that is too easy, the long way to do this is to click on the word Favorites on the menu across the top of the screen. Then click on "add to favorites."

Got too much old stuff in your list of favorites? Right click on ones you don't want and select Delete. Gone.

Cheap way to get make your monitor think it is larger

If you are using Internet Explorer versions 4 or 5 you can make your screen image larger when you are surfing the Net.

Another easy one for you. Press the F-11 key. That makes the tool bars disappear and enlarges your effective viewing image. It is a cheap way to get the advantage of a larger monitor. Small warning. When you need those tool bars again you will have to press F-11 again.

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Hurricane victims warned about dangers of carbon monoxide and flood-damaged control valves

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is warning hurricane victims that gasoline-powered generators should not be used indoors, because of the risk of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. Also, all gas control valves, electric circuit breakers, ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs), and fuses that have been under water must be replaced to avoid electrocutions, explosions and fires.

CPSC Chairman Ann Brown said, "If people use gasoline-powered generators indoors, they could die from CO poisoning. Opening doors and windows or operating fans does not guarantee safety."

CO poisoning from the use of fuel-burning appliances kills more than 200 people each year and sends about 10,000 to hospital emergency rooms for treatment.

CO is a colorless, odorless gas produced by burning any fuel. The initial symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to the flu and include dizziness, fatigue, headache, nausea and irregular breathing. Exposure to high levels of CO can cause death.

"CPSC recommends that con-

sumers use gasoline-powered generators outdoors and away from air intakes to prevent CO poisoning," Brown said. "And every home should have at least one CO alarm that meets the requirements of the most recent Underwriters Laboratories standard 2034 or the requirements of the IAS 6-96 standard."

Replacing Flood-Damaged Gas Control Valves, Electric Circuit Breakers, GFCIs and Fuses

Even if these safety devices appear to function after being submerged in a flood, they are unfit for continued use and cannot be repaired. They may eventually fail, causing electrocutions, explosions or fires. Other parts of gas and electric appliances that have been submerged such as fans, motors, electric circuits, and venting systems should be evaluated by a qualified technician for continued safe operation. Entire appliances may need to be replaced.

Gas control valves on furnaces, water heaters, and other gas appliances that have been under water must be replaced. Silt and corrosion from flood water can damage inter-

nal components of control valves and prevent proper operation. Gas can leak and result in an explosion or fire. Gas control valves that have been under water cannot be salvaged; they must be replaced.

Electric circuit breakers, GFCIs, and fuses that have been submerged must also be replaced because water and silt inside the devices prevent them from performing properly as safety devices. Flood water and silt trapped inside circuit breakers or other components can cause electrical shorting or mechanical malfunctions. The only safe action is to discard and replace.

CPSC also recommends that consumers replace smoke detectors and CO alarms that have been submerged.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission protects the public from unreasonable risk of injury or death from 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury and for information on CPSC's fax-on-demand service, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772.

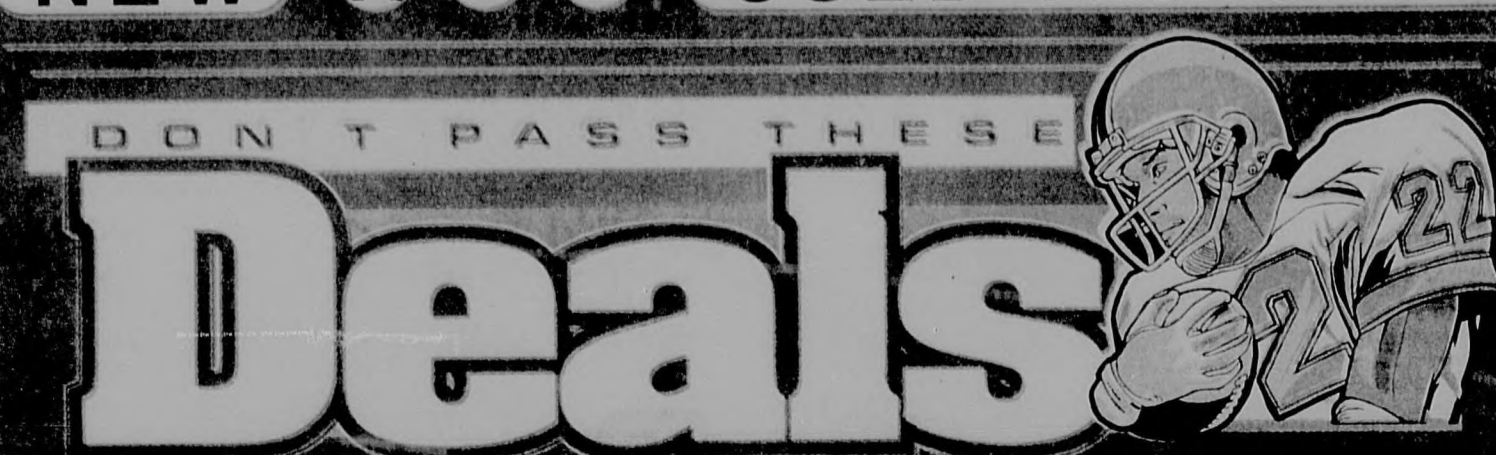
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County schools' budget more than \$13.5 million

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education approved its proposed annual budget for 1999-2000 on Wednesday following a budget hearing.

Board members approved a total budget of more than \$13.5 million after holding two budget hearings - one on Tuesday (Sept. 14th) and another on Wednesday (Sept. 15).

There were several interested parties in attendance at Tuesday's meeting which lasted less than thirty minutes (twenty-two minutes); however, only one question was asked following the presentation by Superintendent Rodger Bowden.

Amette Parker asked if the county system received any impact aid money - funds received from the federal government for military dependent children attending county schools.

"There is a limit on the number

of people that you have that qualify for that and we did not meet the qualifications; therefore, we did not apply for it," said Bowden. "We used to get a little bit but we don't get it anymore."

Only a small number was in attendance at the Wednesday afternoon hearing and no questions were asked that were not readily satisfied with an answer from the superintendent.

In reviewing the foundation program portion of the budget, Bowden went through the budget item by item explaining what each entailed.

Foundation funds are based on an average daily enrollment of 2,069 students and a professional staff of 149 in the three-school county system. The state provides \$4,778,776 in funds to pay salaries while the total funds needed is \$5,691,202. The balance is paid out of local funds.

Z.C. - N.B. FOOTBALL GAME CANCELLED

Coffee County BOE hold special called emergency noon meeting

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education held an emergency called meeting at noon on Tuesday to address the football team's status at Zion Chapel High School.

After a brief executive session with the principal of Zion Chapel, Richard Littleton, Superintendent Rodger Bowden made the following "official" statement: "Due to the fact Zion Chapel High School's football team does not have enough players to safely play the football game against New Brockton Friday night, I find it necessary to cancel this game."

"I deeply regret having to make this difficult decision, but find it necessary to protect the health and

safety of the players on Zion Chapel's football team.

"An evaluation will be ongoing concerning the ability to play the remaining scheduled games."

Following Bowden's statement, the board adjourned.

"We have every intention of fielding a team for the October 8th game," said Zion Chapel principal Richard Littleton.

Zion Chapel is scheduled to play Brantley in Brantley on October 8th.

On the sports pages of this edition can be found the altered schedule for the New Brockton Homecoming activities. The Friday night contest was to be their homecoming game.

Commission tables bids on New Hope Senior Citizens Center

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission reconvened its meeting Monday, September 13, after adjourning from the morning session.

The main purpose of the afternoon session was to open the bids on the renovations to the New Hope Community Senior Citizens Center. Three bids were submitted by the following contractors: J.B. Head Construction - \$165,000; Rankins Construction - \$185,000; and Russell Construction - \$149,750.

The commission voted to table the award until the bids could be reviewed by the architect on the project. Plans are to award the bid at the next regular commission meeting on Monday, September 27, 1999, at 9:00 a.m.

Although the only item on the agenda for the afternoon session

was to open bids, commissioners did take action on another matter and discussed one other.

Following a lengthy discussion, the commission voted to require the sheriff's department to go through the county highway shop for service maintenance and repairs on the department's vehicles.

Should the county facility be unable to provide the service or repairs needed on a vehicle, the new "policy" requires the purchase order for the work be obtained through the county shop.

Sheriff Ben Moates, who was in attendance at the afternoon session, expressed some concerns about the time factor involved and some of the work that might be required on the "high performance" engines; however, he agreed to work with the commission on the matter. The bottom line is to save the county money, but at the same time provide the proper maintenance to the vehicles.

The only commissioner voting against the action, but not against the intent of the motion (to save money), was Commission Chairman Kayo Lewis. He thought this action might hamper the sheriff's ability to have his department's vehicles, in some instances, properly maintained and too, micro managing the sheriff's budgeted funds.

Prior to the commission adjournment, the subject of paving county roads came up.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple made a motion that the county highway department begin preparing all of the dirt roads for paving that have been designated for paving during this term. And, to borrow the funds necessary to pave the roads on the priority list - all to be completed by the next year (2000). The roads involved are: Co. Rds. 121, 722, 664, 601 and 231.

Schedule of Events For Governor's Visit TODAY

11:00 a.m. - Reception for invited guests at Elba High School

12:00 p.m. - Governor Don Siegelman's announcement in the Elba High School Auditorium

2:00 p.m. - Governor's announcement concerning Ballard's Bridge at the bridge located on AL Hwy. 134.

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Bowden pointed out that the state provides the following funding for instructional support: teacher materials & supplies - \$500 per teacher; technology - \$75 per teacher; library enhancement - \$135 per teacher; professional development - \$60 per teacher; and textbooks - \$52.50 per student.

Since the state funding is based on 132.54 professional units and the county system employs 149 professionals, local funds have to be used to make up the difference.

A school-by-school breakdown of enrollment (projected) and professional staff (units) is as follows: Kingston - 528 students & 40.4 units; New Brockton Elementary (K-6) - 424 students & 29.2 units; New Brockton High (7-12) - 392 students & 28 units; and Zion Chapel High - 660 students & 46.4 units.

Pathway, located in New Brockton, is also included in the Coffee County School System with 65 students and 5.64 instructional units.

Bowden noted that last year the system had \$900,000 remaining in the general fund to start this school year on, and he expressed hope that this would be the case September 30, 2000.

"This is reserve money that is used for various things and we didn't have to go into our reserve this year, and that was great," he said.

The superintendent also pointed out that there was a carryover from last year in capital projects funds totaling \$105,515.

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by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

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IT WAS A FUN DAY...In the picture above Elba Police Department's D.A.R. E. officer Dean Blair Stanton is "howdy" with Tiffany Stanton as she "motors" around the downtown area during Elba's Community Spirit Day held last Saturday. According to all reports, a large crowd was on hand for the day's events and a great time was had by all. The weather cooperated with a beautiful day. Accompanying Tiffany was her grandmother Nell Stanton.

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included \$4,877.80 for vehicle repair; \$1,089.00 for concrete; \$1,304.22 for chemicals; \$1,540.70 for rock and pipe; \$3,193.80 for asphalt mix; \$1,008.43 for recreation department concessions and \$4,582.65 for recreation department Little League football uniforms and equipment.

David Bannister was appointed to the abatement board, upon the recommendation of Council member John W. Sharpless. Only the District 4 seat remains vacant.

The council approved a raise for retired employees, as recommended by the state retirement system. It will cost the city \$188.40 per month.

Bids on sandblasting and repainting the light poles at Hawkins-

Williams Park were approved. Low bidder was Patsy Meek with a bid of \$5,049.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

We continue to be amazed at the fast response and dedication of the Salvation Army in recognizing and responding to the needs of disaster victims. Another example of this was last Wednesday morning when they were already at rest stops along the interstate coming out of South Florida, preparing breakfast for stranded evacuees by the thousands. These persons even knew they would be needing food. Needless to say, they were at whatever spot Hurricane Floyd made landfall, probably even before the storm winds stopped blowing these dedicated volunteers were passing out hot coffee, cold drinks, sandwiches, soup and other well prepared foods.

Some other help going to hurricane victims in the Carolinas is something South Alabama folks can readily relate to is the reaction of rural electric cooperatives of Alabama as they dispatched 50 trucks and 115 linemen to coastal North and South Carolina, even before they knew the magnitude of the storm damage. This is payback time. . . . those folks were among the companies who poured into Alabama in 1995 when Hurricane Opal hit here.

We can cry with all those thousands of people fighting the flood waters from Hurricane Floyd. There was an all too familiar sinking feeling in our stomach watching the tube and seeing rows of furniture, toys and other personal belongings being piled up beside the roads as flood victims all along the Northeast coast dig out from the receding flood waters.

Instant and complete news coverage is not always good. This week is a prime example of all that. Sometimes we think people would be better off with our head buried in the sand, rather than hearing all the bad things happening around us. It is shocking to realize there are at least 22 armed conflicts going on around the world today. Armed conflict means people killing people wholesale. That doesn't count the horrible things like the church shooting in Ft. Worth last week or the day care shooting in California. It still makes us wonder "Why?" when a person walks into a crowd with an automatic weapon and starts shooting. This last one can't be a strong religious belief. . . we have that and are secure in our beliefs, regardless of what is going on around us. So again, why?

It was interesting, and exciting, to hear Charles Owens, with the Army Corps of Engineers, update members of the Elba Rotary Club on the status of the Elba levee rebuilding project. Mr. Owens has worked with Elba for a number of years, having been here in the aftermath of the 1990 flood. Our impressions of this man is that he knows what he is doing in the area which most concerns us in Elba. We have been in quite a number of meetings in which he was addressing our problems and continue to be comfortable with his professional decisions.

According to Owens, the actual work on rebuilding the Elba levee should get started either next summer or at least by fall. The total project will take 18 months to two years. . . all depending on the weather conditions while the work is in progress. They will add height in some places, width in most places and increase the length from 3.2 miles to 3.5 miles. Oh, all this is assuming Congress goes forward with funding the \$12.5 project and Elba can fund a pot of gold to pay the 35% local matching part of the cost.

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, September 13, 1999, investigated the following incidents: six thefts of property, two harassments, one disorderly conduct, one fraudulent credit card application, three criminal mischief, one DUI, one menacing, one reckless endangerment, one possession of marijuana, one possession of drug paraphernalia, and one violation of the Code of Alabama.

The following arrests were made: one for disorderly conduct, one for failure to appear, two for harassment, one for possession of drug paraphernalia, one for possession of marijuana, one for VPL, and one for theft of property.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: twelve for speeding, one for driving without first obtaining a driver's license, one for reckless driving, one for failure to yield right-of-way, one for DUI, one for expired driver's license, one for an improper tag, one for attempting to elude, and one for driving while driver's license is suspended.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 - River stage - 2.79 feet (6:40 a.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer for Elba General Hospital to Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan (11:57 p.m.).

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 - Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to a Montgomery hospital (1:55 a.m.); River stage - 2.66 feet (6:30 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on North Morrow Street 10:02 a.m.; Alarm at Movie Gallery (11:11 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Carver Drive (12:15 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on the Bramley Highway (3:16 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 - River stage - 2.54 feet (6:43 a.m.); Routine activity.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 - Alarm at a residence on North Clayton Avenue (12:30 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Reese Avenue (2:07

a.m.); River stage - 2.47 feet (6:34 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Reese Avenue (12:07 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on AL Highway 875 (6:41 p.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer for Elba General Hospital to Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan (8:26 p.m.).

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 - River stage - 2.41 feet (6:42 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Hickman Avenue (2:49 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported in Kennedy Estates (5:17 p.m.); Alarm at Fred's on the by-pass (7:59 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Martin Luther King Drive (9:01 p.m.).

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 - River stage - 2.36 (6:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Dorsey Trailers (7:44 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on County Road 413 (9:59 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Brunson Street (4:37 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Reynolds Street (8:04 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to a fire on Martin Luther King Drive near Mullins Apartments (11:29 p.m.).

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 - Fire department dispatched to a fire on Martin Luther King Drive near Mullins Apartments (12:10 a.m.); River stage - none reported; Disturbance reported on Norris Avenue (6:07 a.m.); Wreck reported at the intersection of Clayton Avenue and Adkinson Street (11:37 a.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer for Elba General Hospital to Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan (3:54 p.m.).

CORRECTION

In writing last week about the ongoing budget process for the Coffee County Schools, The Elba Clipper also crossed up some numbers, an error which was spotted instantly (after the paper was printed). Superintendent Roger Bowden was generous enough to voluntarily call with the correct figures.

The Coffee County School System funds 12.74 teacher units locally and gets 8.36 paid for with federal funds, for a total of 21.10 teacher units over the state allocation.

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• BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School.
• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8:12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858.

• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - City Hall.
• COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon. Colony Inn, Enterprise.
• AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tues. day at noon, City Hall Conference Room.
• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.
• CIVIL AIR PATROL - Every Mon. 7 p.m. Elba Airport, On-call hangar.
• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - Mondays 6:30 p.m. - EHS Cafeteria.
• REGIONAL GREY & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP - 4th Tues. at 7 p.m. - Community Care Hospice meeting room.

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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of September 14, 1999, through September 20, 1999. They were: Mary Perdue, Joseph Burk, Kimberly Bland, Jessie Davis, Hattie White, DeAnthony Young, Henry Chestnut, Minnie Flowers, Betty Driggers, Roy Rhodes, John Gilbert, I. A. Kilcrease, Allen Belcher, Harro Wilkerson, Myrtle Green, Nicholas Wilkerson, Martha Holland, William Barbaree, Ruby Ellison, Stacey Johnson, W. B. Baldwin, Betty Kyles, Ashley Crumpler, and Patricia Baggett.



AREA LITTLE MISSES COMPETE... Fall is right around the corner, which means it is almost time for the National Peanut Festival. These young ladies are preparing to compete for the title of Little Miss National Peanut Festival and recently attended a parent orientation and tea. The pageant will take place on Oct. 23 at 6 p.m. in the Dothan Civic Center. Mark your calendar now to come cheer for your hometown favorite. Little Miss area queens are: Zion Chapel - Erika Mount; New Brockton - Morgan Driggers; Kinston - Bethany Holley; Enterprise - Victoria Luchner; Elba - Courtney Parrish; and Coffee County - Taylor Harrelson.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Our beloved Declaration of Independence contains the statement, "Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes..."

Prudence - the wisdom needed for careful management of practical matters requires the capacity for judging in advance the probable results of one's actions.

Impudence invites social, moral and economic penalties, both individually and collectively. Changing our Alabama Constitution to permit a lottery would be imprudent and have negative consequences which will outweigh any good achieved by it.

Casino gambling will soon follow. The proposed amendment reads that only "the Alabama Education Lottery" is prohibited from operating...casinos. (Read the entire bill. The present sample ballot does not reflect this adequately; it seems to indicate that all casinos would be prohibited.) If a lottery is allowed, the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act requires that Indian reservations must be permitted to have lotteries. Parish Creek leader Eddie Tullis has said "casinos could be up and running within a year." This revenue is not state taxable. Pressure would be put on the legislature to (by voting) allow establishment of private, state taxable casinos.

We will then see: more crime including prostitution, robberies, drunk driving, domestic abuse, pawnshop, bankruptcies, homelessness, depression, suicide, money laundering, government corruption, undermining the traditional work ethic, loss of innocence and stressed family relationships, and increased burden on taxpayers to fund remedies for some of the above problems.

We need to vote "NO" on this proposed amendment. More than an education lottery, we need for more Alabama parents to get involved with their children - spending time with them and assisting them in their academic and personal growth; instilling respect for learning; helping in development of good study habits; sharing the experience of academic success within each child's ability; instilling character including respect for others, respect for authority and the development of individual responsibility. Most teachers would be overjoyed to assist or refer parents who ask for help in areas where assistance is needed.

Many parents do these things responsibly but many do not and this, too, is imprudent.

More specifics on the costs of

gambling and the lottery issue itself can be obtained from the resources listed below.

1. Alabama Family Alliance
alabamafamily.org
1-800-642-6797
2. Alabama State Board of Missions
alabom.org/lottery
1-800-264-1225
3. Eagle Forum of Alabama
alabamaeagle.org
(205)879-7096
4. CALL (Citizens Against Legalized Lottery)
P.O. Box 59219
Birmingham, AL 35259
(205)879-6500
5. Focus on the Family
family.org
1-800-232-6459

Thank you,
Lola M. Blanton
Brundidge, AL

Dear Editor,

In August of '97, I wrote a letter that you ran for me. I was hoping to find a lost sister. I really appreciate your running the letter, but I didn't receive any helpful information.

I have since obtained a picture that my father's family believes to be my sister. I am enclosing a copy of the picture. If you would please run it along with my story, I would be forever grateful.

My father's name was Henry Coleman Boles. He and his family were from the Coffee County area.

He passed away in October of '92. Shortly before he died, he told me I



had an older sister. I have searched for her since. All roads lead to a dead end. This past August, I received this picture. If any one can identify or knows the whereabouts of the person in this picture, please have them contact me. I am enclosing a toll free number for this reason.

Thank you for your kindness,
Wanda Gail Boles Hough
2722 So. 13th Street
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Proposed Lottery Does Not Address Education Needs
by Senator Bill Armistead

Gov. Don Siegelman says he wants to change education in Alabama forever. Well, I agree with the Governor on this point, but I differ with him on the way it should be done.

For example, Gov. Siegelman says that he thinks the most pressing need in education in Alabama today is to provide free college tuition to college-bound students. I disagree and will elaborate on what I see as the priority below.

If providing free tuition to college students is the number one need in education, why have we not heard from the people of Alabama over the years crying out for this? Have high school graduates not been going to college because we did not have free college tuition? I don't think so.

There are currently plenty of scholarships and grants available for every young person who really wants to go to college in Alabama. And, there are also plenty of jobs where they could work their way through college, as many of us had to do.

Gov. Siegelman is asking voters to change the Alabama Constitution to allow the state to get into the gambling business so he can establish a lottery in Alabama.

He wants the proceeds from the lottery to pay for college tuition for every student in Alabama. These scholarships would not be based on need, but would be available to everyone - even the very rich. Well, almost everyone. The poor, who receive a Pell grant, would not be eligible to get the scholarship according to Siegelman's plan.

Some people are misguided into thinking that the lottery will provide a free college "education." The only thing the lottery is suppose to provide is free "tuition" which is only about one-third the cost of going to college. The student, or family, would still have to come up with the remaining two-thirds.

For the most part, the students

would receive the free tuition from Siegelman's lottery are the ones who would be going to college anyway, and paying their own way. So, what do we gain by having a state sponsored lottery in Alabama? Nothing good. In fact, studies show that states spend \$2 for every \$1 it receives by treating the problems associated with gambling.

Gov. Siegelman is projecting that approximately \$450,000,000 will be spent on the lottery each year in Alabama and roughly one-third of this amount - \$150,000,000 - would be spent for college tuition and other programs that the Governor designates. The basic needs in education, however, would not be addressed with the proceeds from the lottery. Those who will benefit the most from a lottery in Alabama are those in the gambling business.

So, where would all of this money come from? Sadly, it would largely come from the poor who can least afford to gamble and who are not likely to benefit from their gambling misfortunes. That's what the statistics from Georgia reveal. Those who purchase the most lottery tickets in Georgia are the poor, but those who get the free college tuition are the middle and upper class.

Going back to my original question, if providing free college tuition for college-bound young people is not the greatest educational need in Alabama, then what is? I think most people would say that improving K-12 education is the greatest need. Yet, other than providing some computers for schools, and establishing a four-year-old kindergarten for public schools the needs are not being met by the lottery.

In my opinion, what we need most in education are more teachers in the classrooms for special needs. More attention needs to be given to students who are accelerated in their learning process and for those who need additional attention in

309-755-6979

Dear Editor,

A vote will be taken in Alabama Oct. 12 that will affect our lives and the lives of future generations. On this date we have the opportunity to vote yes or no on the so-called education lottery.

If we vote to have a lottery in Alabama we are sending the message that it is alright to do the wrong thing for the right reason. The idea of a free college education is very appealing, there are a number of things wrong with this plan.

First, a student must have a certain grade-point average to qualify. This will eliminate many good, well-deserving students to begin with.

Secondly, a student must maintain a high grade-point average, in most cases a 3.0 to keep his or her scholarship. Many students who are all-A students in high school fail to maintain a 3.0 their first year of college - thus many more are eliminated.

Thirdly, if one attends college on a lottery-paid scholarship, he or she is doing so because thousands of people have lost their hard-earned money in hopes of becoming rich instantly.

There are many other reasons that could be given as to why a lottery is not good. However, as a Christian, the only question I have to answer is "how would Jesus vote on the issue?"

To be a Christian means that one is Christ-like. If we are Christ-like we will, to the best of our ability and knowledge, do as Christ would do.

It is beyond my comprehension as to how any preacher or Christian layperson could support and vote for a lottery.

I appeal to the voting age members of all our churches of all races and denominations to go to the polls Oct. 12 and vote NO to the lottery. Let us send the message to the governor and everyone else that we are going to do what God would have us to do. VOTE "NO!" Sincerely,

DONNIE MARLER, Pastor
Dorcas Baptist Church
1720 County Road 111
Jack, AL 36346

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THE EDITOR

AREA DEATHS

CARVIE LEE BOSWELL

ABERCROMBIE
Mrs. Carvie Lee Boswell Abercrombie, age 83, of Elba, died Sept. 19, 1999, at her home.

Funeral services were held Sept. 22, 1999, at 2 p.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Elbert Smith and Rev. Donnie Marler officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Abercrombie was a lifelong resident of Elba and Coffee County. She was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn Abercrombie; daughter Eloise Boswell Scroggins, Ft. Walton, Fla., and a son-in-law, Wade Mallory, Elba.

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RACHEL FAMILY

The family of MAXINE WEBSTER RACHEL would like to send thanks to the many friends and relatives for the food, flowers and prayers during the time of our sorrow.

It was deeply appreciated.
John D. Rachel

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KELLEY FAMILY

We would like to thank everyone for his or her kindness during the loss of our loved one, MADIE FLORENCE KELLEY.

All the food, flowers, cards, calls, and prayers were sincerely appreciated.

We would also like to thank Dr. Dyess and the staff at Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home for their kindness. May God bless you all. The family of Madie Florence Kelley

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SOARES FAMILY

Thank all of you for being so thoughtful during the time of our loved one's death.

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The family of Sherry Soares

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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

We got a Boston Bull Terrier puppy a few weeks ago, and the newest thing for the Mularz kids to do each morning before school is to try and find their shoes. The puppy was bad to drag weeks around when we first got him, and even though he got a whipping every time he got caught, he has advanced on to shoes and apparently gets up a few hours earlier than the rest of the family and finds shoes to hide. We haven't lost any shoes yet, but one day soon we'll see if he's got hold of dad's and then he may very well start sleeping outside.

OPEN DATE WAS JUST WHAT DOCTOR ORDERED FOR ELBA

The Elba Tigers had last week off, and while I agree with Coach Head and don't like open dates during the season, this year the week off had to be exactly what the doctor ordered. The Tigers played hard in their season-opening loss to Brantley, battled hard every way possible in the Luvorne game, but then were obviously a little tired mentally and physically in the lopsided loss to Ony. The Elba players needed some time off to think about what football really meant, and to rededicate themselves to working hard to improve and start winning some football games. The team worked on timing, lifted some weights, and got the chance to watch other teams play last week, and that should have been enough to get the Tigers hungry to get back on the field and to continue their season. I may be wrong, but I think we will all see a different looking bunch of Elba Tigers this week when they return to action!

GAMECOCKS AND BULLDOGS GET BIG WINS

The four teams in our coverage area split at 2-2 last week, with the biggest news coming from New Brockton, where the Gamecocks got their first win of the season by posting an important area win over Straughn. Here's a look back at week #4.

***NEW BROCKTON (1-3) finally put it all together and got in the win column with an important 21-6 area win over the Straughn Tigers. The Gamecocks spotted the Tigers an early lead, but then took charge on defense and waited for the offense to wear down the Tigers and put enough points on the scoreboard to pull out the win. The Gamecocks are still a little short on depth and experience, but the seniors are getting well and are determined to lead the team to another winning season.

***BRANTLEY (4-0) had absolutely no trouble in posting a 58-14 win over badly out-manned McKenzie. The Bulldogs' running game clicked throughout the game and gained over 10 yards on 18 of its 24 running plays, while the Bulldogs also put the ball in the air just to let the quarterback and receivers get in some live practice. Brantley needed a big night to get in the right frame of mind for Luvorne, and should be ready to take on the Tigers after finally breaking loose.

***ZION CHAPEL (0-4) got a better effort from its defense, but never crossed the goal line and was shut out by Arton 27-0. The Rebels don't have enough depth to play well on both sides of the football for all four quarters, and Friday night it was the offense that never got anything going. The Rebels will have to fight for all four quarters to even have a chance in weeks to come, but I still think they will ambush somebody before the season ends.

***KINSTON (0-4) actually owned a 15-13 halftime lead last week in its 38-15 loss to Samson, but ran out of gas in the second half against the speedy Tigers and saw its losing streak reach 15 games. The Bulldogs showed that they could indeed compete against anybody on their schedule during the first two quarters, and maybe now they will be able to make it three quarters and then four. Don't let their record, or their long losing streak fool ya. Kinston is much better than many people realize and will sneak up on somebody real soon.

ONCE OVER, NOT ALWAYS SO LIGHTLY...

***I hate to say "I told you so," but I did write in my column last week that Alabama was simply a very average college football team with an outstanding running back. That prediction came true last week as the Tide lost to Louisiana Tech 29-28. In Birmingham, I had noticed in the pregame articles that the Crimson Tide coaches were giving the Techsters a lot of credit, and wanted the Tide fans to believe that they were almost national title contenders. In my opinion, the Tide coaches spent too much time telling everyone how good La Tech was, and should have been working hard to get the Tide ready for what should have been simply another "straw" win. Hey, if Louisiana Tech was that good they would have been ranked, and if their quarterback was that good, he would have his name on the Heisman. It just seemed to me that the Alabama coaches were making excuses even before the game started, just in case they lost.

***I'm not quite ready to eat my words, but I may have to buy another bottle of catnip pretty soon if Auburn continues to show the improvement they displayed Saturday in their waltz past the once-proud Bayou Bengals of LSU. Auburn showed some things on both sides of the football that it had been hiding in two early-season wins over lesser opponents, and may very well be a lot better than I had thought. While it is true that the win over LSU was a good one, there are still battles to be fought on the Plains before Tommy Tuberville convinces me that he is the coach that will lead Auburn back to the top in major college football.

***I got a copy of the Alabama High School Athletic Association's financial statement for the 1998-99 fiscal year last week, and was very surprised to see that if not for interest on income, insurance receipts and sponsorship income, the AHSAA would have operated at a deficit for the past year. The association's biggest sources of revenue came from the football playoffs (\$1,401,799); regional basketball tournaments (\$425,937); area, sub-regional and invitational basketball tournaments (\$124,441); state basketball tournament (\$99,984) and the baseball playoffs (\$43,123). The state cleared a profit of only \$300,188 out of the over \$14 million taken in from the football playoffs, but did manage to make a profit from every one of its events with the exception of the state tennis tournament, state outdoor track meet, state golf tournament, state cross country meet and something called "other events." The athletic events showed a net income of \$724,562, while the general and administrative expenses totaled \$787,838. Guess the figures showed why the association hired a director of marketing/technology. More sponsorships will be needed to keep the association afloat.

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POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by the office late Sunday afternoon and reported that he was back on track and ready for the rest of the season. The local guesspert did hit on 24 of 27 picks, including such toss-ups as New Brockton over Straughn, Andalusia over Hillcrest and Benjamin Russell over Enterprise. Last week's success moved his season totals to 96-27, which keeps the aged wonder still among the state's best!

ELBA VS. GENEVA COUNTY

The Elba Tigers got a week off to regroup and rededicate themselves after an 0-3 start, while Geneva County pounded a solid Goshen team to win its third straight after an opening loss to unbeaten Geneva. The numbers all point to a big Geneva County win. However, the guess here is that the Tigers are ready to show their true colors, and that the black and gold will shine brightly Friday night at Tiger Stadium!

ELBA 25 GENEVA COUNTY 22

KINSTON VS. G.W. LONG

The Kinston Bulldogs led for two quarters last week before falling to Samson, but have a tougher cookie to chew this week when they head over to Skipperville to tangle with the undefeated and untested G.W. Long Rebels. If the Bulldogs can keep it close it should count as a moral victory, but even that is no sure thing!

G.W. LONG 45 KINSTON 6

BRANTLEY VS. LUVORNE

The Brantley Bulldogs will go to Luvorne with something to prove, but will have to be at their best to come back home with a win over the win-hungry Tigers. A win against the Tigers could give the 'Dogs a shot of con-

fidence for the rest of the season and would be a big step toward posting a perfect season. It won't be easy, but after the fur stops flying look for the Bulldogs to leave the field with the win!

BRANTLEY 17 LUVORNE 13

OTHER PICKS:

Floral 29 Straughn 12
Goshen 20 Frisco City 18
Louisville 22 Houston Academy 9
Excel 34 McKenzie 6
Highland Home 15 Alabama Christian 8
Wicksburg 21 Arton 14
Cottonwood 22 Headland 20
Red Level 50 Clayton 0
Geneva 42 Samson 7
Abbeville 14 Slocumb 13
Dale County 21 Pike County 8
Stanhope Elmore 41 W.S. Neal 6
T.R. Miller 27 Escambia County 13
Andalusia 20 Charles Henderson 10
Carroll 21 Hillcrest 7
Northview 17 Eufaula 14
Opp 28 Greenville 8
Central, PC 21 Carver 13
Jeff Davis 17 Prattville 15
Dothan 24 Enterprise 14
Opelika 27 Lanier 0

Elba Tigers return to grid wars with home battle against Geneva County Bulldogs

The Elba Tigers will be looking to get into the win column for the first time this season Friday night when they host the Geneva County Bulldogs, at Tiger Stadium.

Elba will bring an 0-3 record into the clash, with losses to Brantley 40-13, Luvorne (forfeit) and Opp 42-14, while Geneva County will enter the game with a 3-1 record. The Bulldogs dropped their season-opener to Geneva 27-0, but since have rebounded to defeat Red Level 26-20, Samson 34-18 and Goshen 30-13.

"Geneva County has an excellent football team and will present another tough test for our team," stated Elba's Coach Julius Head. "They have a big running back that is hard to tackle and can score from anywhere on the field, and a quick

terback that throws the ball well and is also dangerous when he scrambles. Geneva County is extremely well coached and makes very few mistakes on either side of the football, and if we are to beat them we will have to play well and do it ourselves. They will not beat themselves!"

"On offense we will have to establish the running game and prove to Geneva County that we can run the football," added Coach Head. "We feel like we can be effective passing the football against just about anybody on our schedule, but we must be able to run the ball if we are to be consistent on offense and hope to put points on the scoreboard. Our young linemen have to step up and

take charge up front, and when they do, the running backs will prove that they can help us on offense running the football. Our defense will have to play physical and tackle well against Geneva County to stop their running game. We will have to play tough in the line to stop their big tailback, and if we miss tackles they could put a lot of points on the scoreboard. Geneva County has a very good football team that has improved weekly since its opening loss to Geneva, and it will be confident that it can post a win Friday night when we come to town."

"We gave the players a few afternoons off the week of the open date in an effort to refuel their tanks both mentally and physically," added Coach Head, "and gave every player

on our team a chance to show us what he could do when we did it the practice field. The first three games are behind us now and we are going to put them in the past and concentrate on what lies ahead. Our goal is to put the best players we have on the field for every single play and to make certain that we do our best as coaches to have them ready. A look at the schedule makes it easy to see that we don't have any breakers ahead. However, we are going to take the games one at a time, and take each play one play at a time, and try to improve on every play, and in every game. We are more concerned about Elba than our opponents, and believe that if we take care ourselves we can win some football games real soon."

Brantley invades Luvorne for cross-county clash

The high school football season will reach the midway point of the regular season Friday night, and for teams in the area, this week's match-ups will include a pair of cross-county battles.

The cross-county match-up will find (4-0) Brantley heading up the road to meet (1-3) Luvorne, while in the other area game of interest

Kinston Lady Bulldogs win three, lose one match during busy week on court

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs had another busy week on the volleyball court and claimed three wins in four outings as they continued to flex their muscles against any and all opposition.

Tuesday afternoon the Lady Dogs made a trip to Montgomery and came home with one win and one loss. In the first match, Kinston took the court against fifth ranked Montgomery Academy, and lost in straight sets 5-15 and 13-15. Recording service points in the match were Sabrina Piland 4, Holly Odum 4, Katie Daum 3, Kristen Bowdoin 3, Nicole Lashley 2 and Tiffany Hawthorne 2. Kills were by Odum 6, Lashley 2 and Daum, Piland, Bowdoin, Crystal Tillis and Nikki Moore, 1 each. It took three games in the next match before the Lady Dogs could post a 15-10, 11-15, 15-11 win over St. James. Leading the way in service points was Bowdoin with 11, followed by Piland 7, Tillis 6, Odum 6, Hawthorne 5, Lashley 3, Daum 2 and Moore 1. At the net, Piland led with 11 kills, Odum 10, Hawthorne 4, Lashley 4, Bowdoin 3, Tillis 2 and Moore 1.

Thursday night the Lady Dogs hosted Opp and Geneva in a tri-match and rolled to a clean sweep over both opponents. Kinston beat Opp 15-5 and 15-8, with Sabrina Piland leading in service points with 16, including 11 consecutive points in game two. Holly Odum added 4, Nicole Lashley 3, Katie Daum 3, Tiffany Hawthorne 2 and Kristen Bowdoin 2. Kills leaders were Lashley, Odum and Piland with 4 each, while Daum added 1. In the second match Kinston took the broom to the Geneva Lady Panthers 15-3, 15-7 and 15-10. Odum had 17 service points, while Piland added 8, Hawthorne 8, Lashley 4, Bowdoin 3, Jenna Spears 2, Nikki Moore 2 and Hayley Sumblin 1. Kills were recorded by Piland 8, Odum 8, Daum 5, Bowdoin 3, Sumblin 1 and Crystal Tillis 1.

ELBA LADY TIGERS

Varsity & Junior Varsity Volleyball Schedule

Thursday, Sept. 23
Elba at Kinston (JV-V) 4:00

Monday, Sept. 27
Geneva at Elba (V) 4:00

Tuesday, Sept. 28
Red Level at Elba (V) 4:00

Thursday, Sept. 30
Elba at Clayton (JV-V) 4:30

NOTICE! NOTICE!

Due to Zion Chapel's cancellation of the football game, New Brockton will move a portion of its homecoming festivities to next Friday, October 1, during their game with Samson. The following is a schedule of homecoming events:

Friday, September 24, 1999

The Homecoming Dance will be held from 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

"This will mark the beginning of homecoming activities instead of capping of week's events," said New Brockton Principal Dale Kelley.

Saturday, September 25, 1999

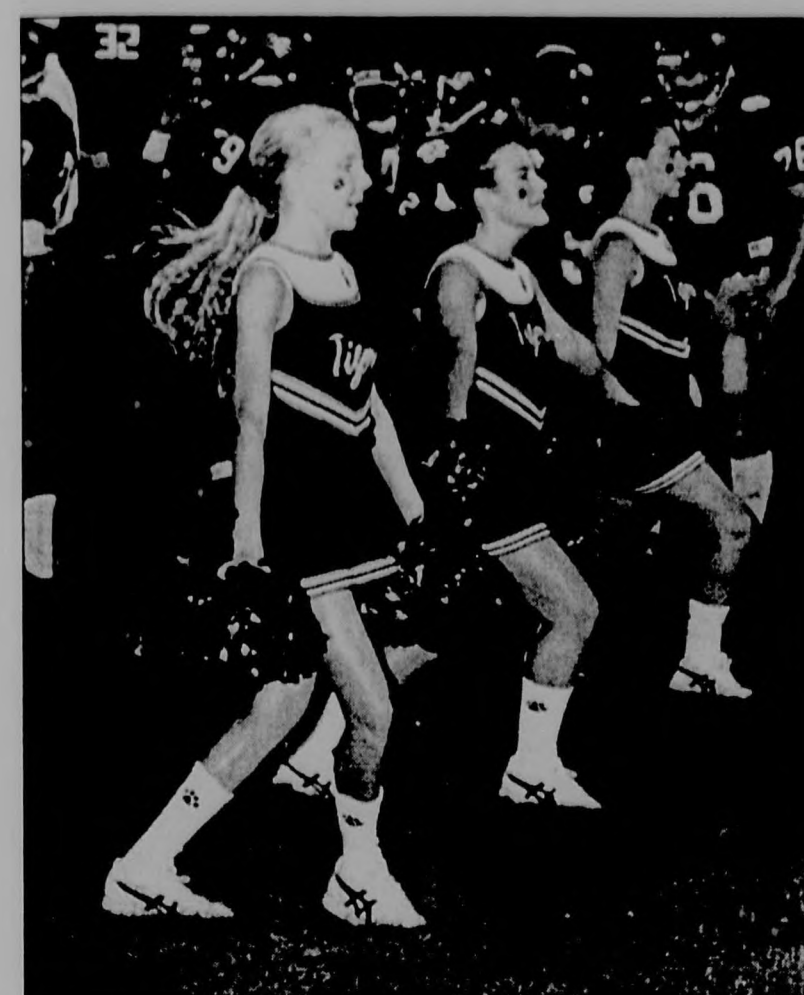
The "75th Reunion" will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the New Brockton High School Auditorium. There will be a spaghetti dinner at the cafeteria for alumni and the general public at \$4 per plate.

Friday, October 1, 1999

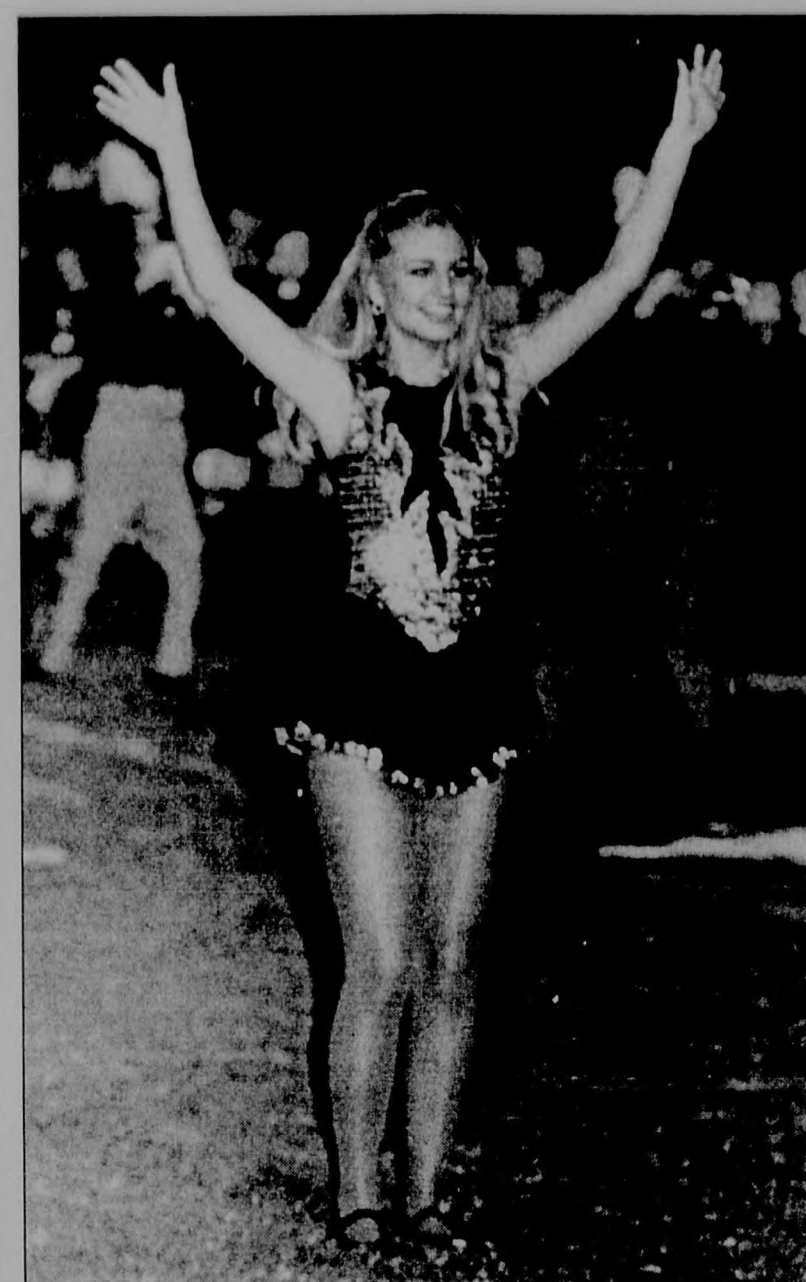
The New Brockton Homecoming Parade will be held in downtown New Brockton beginning at 2:00 p.m. Pregame Ceremonies at 7:00 p.m. followed by the kickoff of the New Brockton vs Samson football game. New Brockton's Homecoming Queen will be crowned at halftime.

SPORTS

Elba High School cheerleaders & Marching Tiger band members also work hard at Friday night ball games



Elba Tiger Varsity Cheerleaders stay busy during a time-out. Cheerleaders pictured above include (l-r) Sara Purvis, Kerri Lawford and Casey Skinner.



Elba Marching Tiger dance line member Valiece Moore performs during halftime festivities.



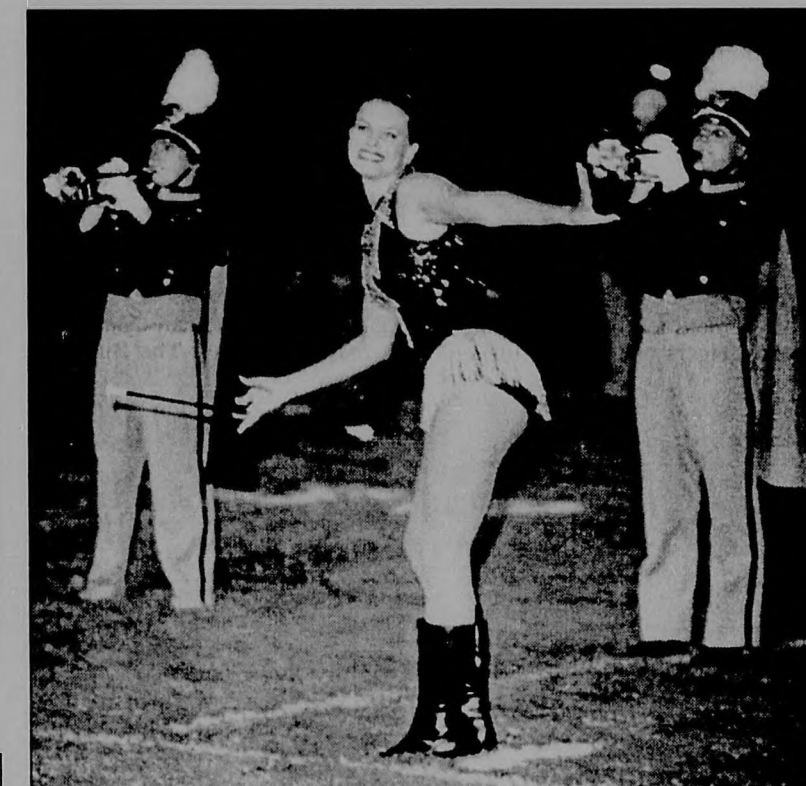
Elba Marching Tiger Band members (l-r) Katie Grimes and Angela Tillis perform during halftime at all Elba Tiger football games.



Marching Tiger Band musicians keep everyone at the game entertained during halftime festivities.



Elba Tiger Varsity Cheerleaders help the crowd keep the spirits high during Friday night action. Cheerleaders pictured above include (front row, l-r) Melissa Mularz, Katie Vaughan, Carmenda Coleman, (back row, l-r) Casey Skinner.



Elba Marching Tiger majorette Shay Johnson performs during halftime festivities while two musicians provide entertainment. The award winning Marching Tigers always accompany the Tigers to all football games.

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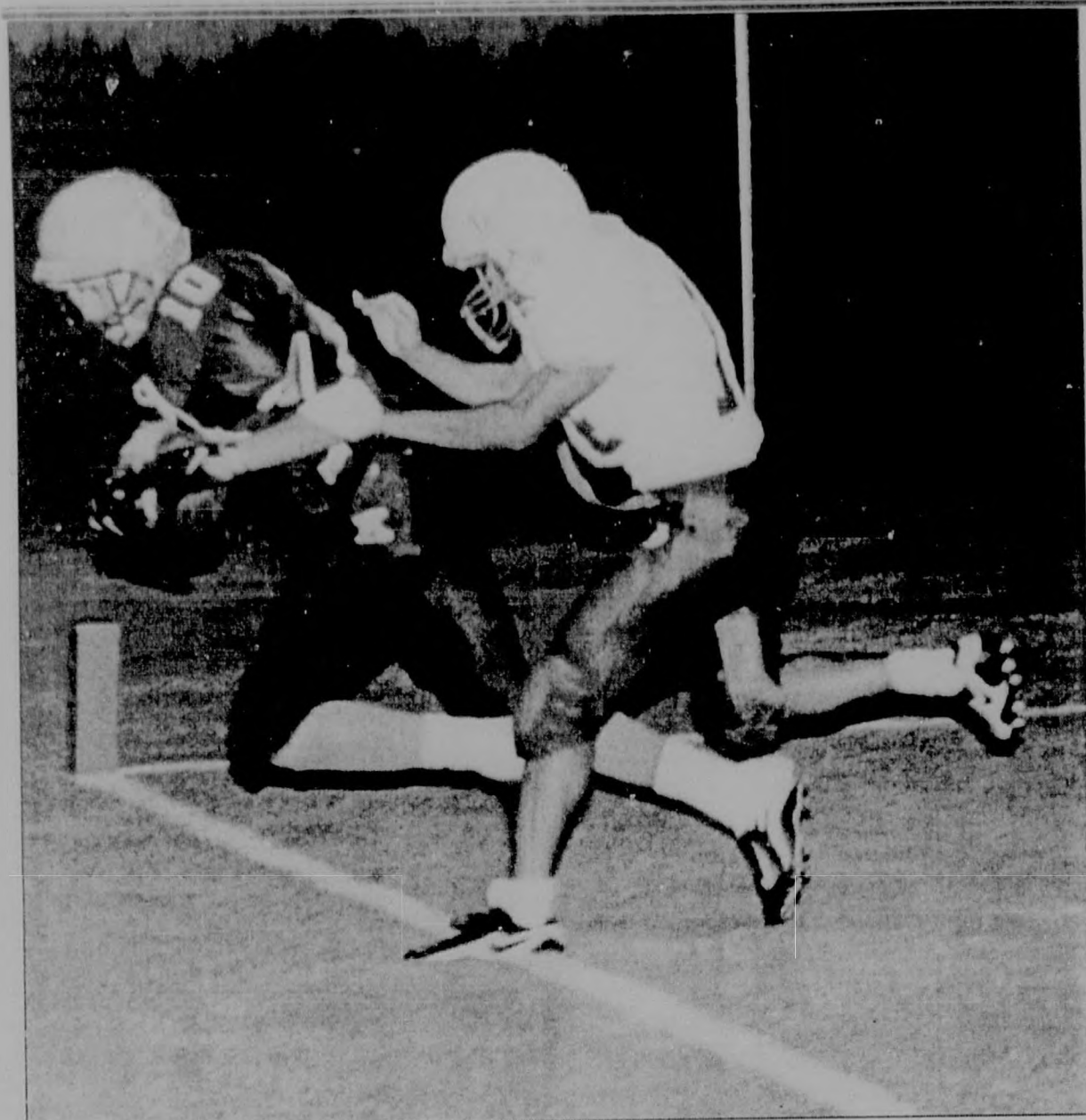


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Kinston sophomore receiver Ryan Anderson (10) keeps a foot in bounds as he pulls in a touchdown pass in the corner of the endzone to give the Bulldogs a 15-13 halftime lead over Samson. The Bulldogs will travel to G.W. Long Friday night in search of their first win of the season.

Second half surge dooms Bulldogs in 38-15 defeat to Samson Tigers

The Kinston Bulldogs hosted their arch-rivals from Samson Friday night and were reminded once again that "speed kills" as Samson sophomore Lucas Davis raced for 331 yards on 16 carries and scored 5 touchdowns to lead the Tigers to a wild 38-15 win over the Bulldogs. Samson received the opening kick and moved the chains three times as they headed toward the Bulldog endzone. Lucas Davis scored the first of his five TD's with 9:25 left in the opening stanza, and Davis also added the extra point to give the Tigers the quick 7-0 advantage.

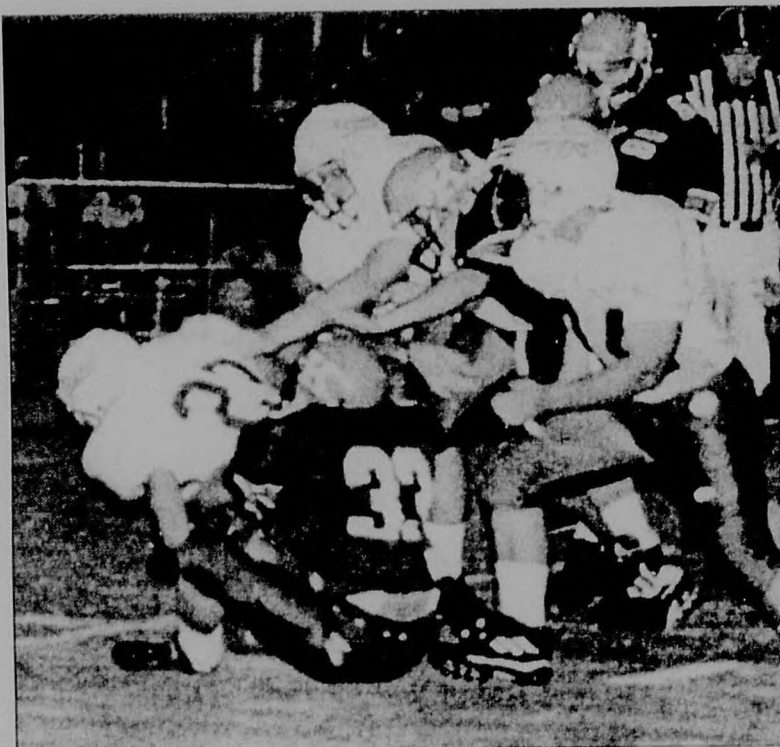
Kinston took the ensuing kick and stunned the Tigers as the Bulldogs put together a scoring drive of their own! The drive was sparked by the running of Bishop Edwards and Bo Driggers, and it was Driggers that scored the touchdown on a 48-yard scamper. The extra point try failed after a 15-yard Kinston penalty, but with 4:54 left in the first quarter Kinston had pulled within 7-6.

The Kinston defense was fired up following the Bulldog touchdown and stopped the Tigers on their next possession, handing the ball back over to the Kinston offense at its own 27-yardline.

The Bulldog offense was again ready to roll and behind the running of Bo Driggers and Kyle Waters, and the passing of Bishop Edwards to Tim Whigham, marched to a first down at the Samson 8-yardline. A penalty slowed the march, however, and on fourth down the Bulldogs had to settle for three points as Brad Boykin boosted a 22-yard field-goal to put Kinston on top 9-6.



Kinston's Bo Driggers (30) looks for yardage as teammate Bishop Edwards (5) tries to make a block on a Samson defender in last week's battle with the Tigers.



Kinston's Kyle Waters (33) holds on to a Samson running back as help arrives to make the tackle. The Bulldogs saw their record slip to 0-4 with the loss to the Tigers 38-15.

Samson regained the lead on its next possession as Lucas Davis scored on a 13-yard dash. The extra-point try failed, leaving the Tigers with a 13-9 advantage with 5:23 remaining in the second quarter.

Kinston's Bo Driggers returned the ensuing kickoff 33 yards to set the Bulldogs up at the Samson 35-yardline, and the Bulldogs cashed in on the scoring opportunity as they moved into the endzone behind the passing of Bishop Edwards! Edwards hit Brian Ellis

for a big first down on third down and 14 to keep the drive alive, then lofted a short scoring pass to Ryan Anderson to put the Bulldogs back in the lead. The extra-point attempt failed, but Kinston was back in front 15-13 and carried the lead at halftime.

Samson regained the lead on its first possession of the second half on a long scoring run by Lucas Davis, and although the two-point try failed, the Tigers were ahead to stay at 19-15 with 9:45 remaining in the third quarter.

Pepper Mock scored on a 4-yard run for the Tigers with 3:31 left in the third quarter as the Tigers' lead went to 25-15, and the Samson lead increased to 31-15 with 11:47 left in the game when Lucas Davis broke loose and raced 54 yards for another Tiger touchdown.

Samson got the ball back at mid-field on a pass interception, and this time Davis rambled 50 yards for a Tiger tally to blow the game open. Davis added the extra point, and with 4:58 left in the game Samson was in command 38-15, and easily held on to post the win.

Bo Driggers gained 96 yards on 21 carries to lead the Kinston offense, while Bishop Edwards added 46 yards on 5 carries and hit on 6 of 14 passes for 83 yards. The Bulldog defense was led by Donnie Samson with 7 tackles and 4 assists, while Daniel Davis added 6 tackles and 5 assists and Bishop Edwards added 5 tackles and 1 assist. Lucas Davis gained 331 yards on 16 carries and scored on runs of 54, 50, 32, 13 and 2 yards to lead Samson.

Brantley bombs McKenzie 58-14

By Greg Brunson

The Brantley Bulldogs cut out the turnovers last week and showed what a powerful offense they really had as they had two runners gain over 100 yards and another pile up 97 yards on the ground as they smashed the McKenzie Tigers 58-14, in McKenzie.

The win moved Brantley's record to 4-0, 1-0 in Area play, while McKenzie slipped to 1-3, 0-1 in Area competition.

Brantley scored on its first possession of the night as the Bulldogs drove 62 yards in only 4 plays. Darrell Owens got the touchdown on a 22-yard jaunt around the left end, and Gregory Daniels added the extra point to put the Bulldogs on top 7-0 with 8:59 left in the first quarter.

Tyrell Knighten set up the next Brantley score when he recovered a McKenzie fumble at the Tiger 25-yardline. Three plays later Bo Daniels took the hand off on a misdirection play and scooted 25 yards into the endzone. Gregory Daniels' pass was true, and with 2:46 left in the first quarter the Bulldogs' lead was up to 14-0.

The Bulldog defense tallied the next points of the night when the Tigers' snapper sailed the snap over the punter's head out of the endzone for a safety. The two-point safety increased Brantley's lead to 16-0 with 38 still left in quarter number one.

After the ensuing free kick, Brantley punted the ball in play at its own 47-yardline and promptly marched 53 yards in five plays to add to its lead. Bo Daniels bulled his way into the endzone from 10 yards out, and Gregory Daniels boosted the extra-point, as the Bulldogs' lead went to 23-0 with 11:53 remaining in the second quarter.

McKenzie got on the scoreboard on its next possession with an 80-yard scoring drive. The touchdown came on a 67-yard pass from Bryant Crittenden to Jeremiah Nix with 9:39 left in the second stanza. The extra-point try failed, leaving Brantley on top by the score of 23-6.

Brantley took the ensuing kick and marched 85 yards in 9 plays to get back into the endzone. Darrell Owens scored his second touchdown of the game on a 25-yard scamper, and Daniels added the extra-point as Brantley stretched its lead to 30-6 with 6:22 still left in the half.

The Brantley defense stepped up big again on the Tigers' next series by sacking Van Nix at the McKenzie 20-yardline on a punt attempt. On the next play Brantley's Andy



Brantley coach Roland Jones talks with offense during a time-out in Friday night's 58-14 romp past McKenzie. The Bulldogs will put their undefeated record on the line this week against the Laverne Tigers, in Laverne.

Johnson hit a wide open John B. Roberts in the endzone for a 20-yard touchdown. Daniels booted the extra point to push the Brantley lead to 37-6 with 5:02 left in the quarter.

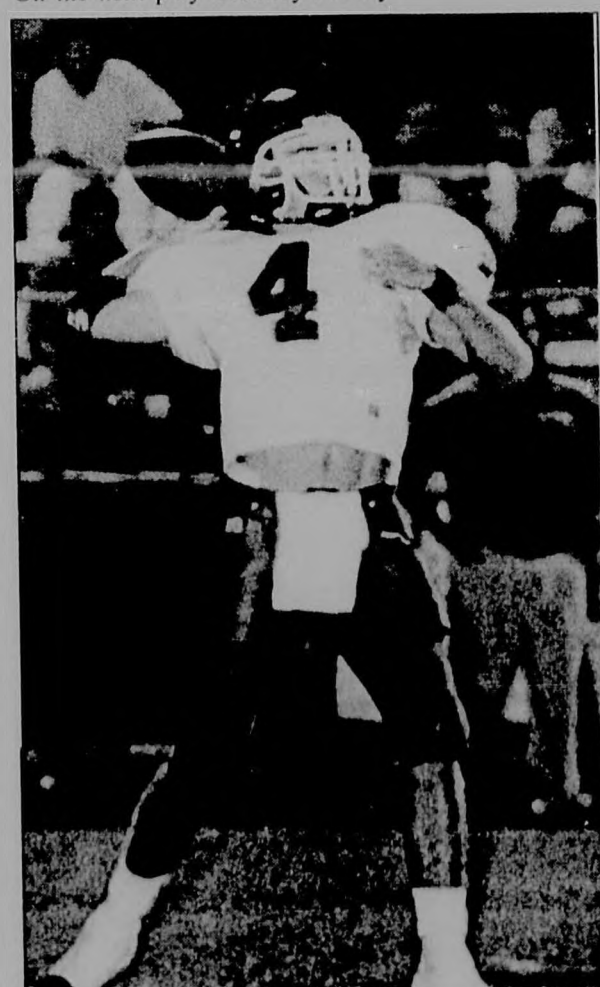
McKenzie's offense rolled down the field on its next possession and reached the Brantley 10-yardline, only to be turned back by the Brantley defense.

A holding penalty moved the ball back to the Brantley 3-yardline with less than a minute left in the second quarter; but the Bulldogs' offense was ready to strike again, and stunned the Tigers as Andy Johnson pitched the ball back to Tyronne Knighten in the endzone on a toss-sweep, and Knighten turned the corner and raced down the sidelines untouched 97 yards for a touchdown. Gregory Daniels remained perfect with the extra-point and with 2:22 left in the half the Bulldogs were in complete command with a 44-6 advantage!

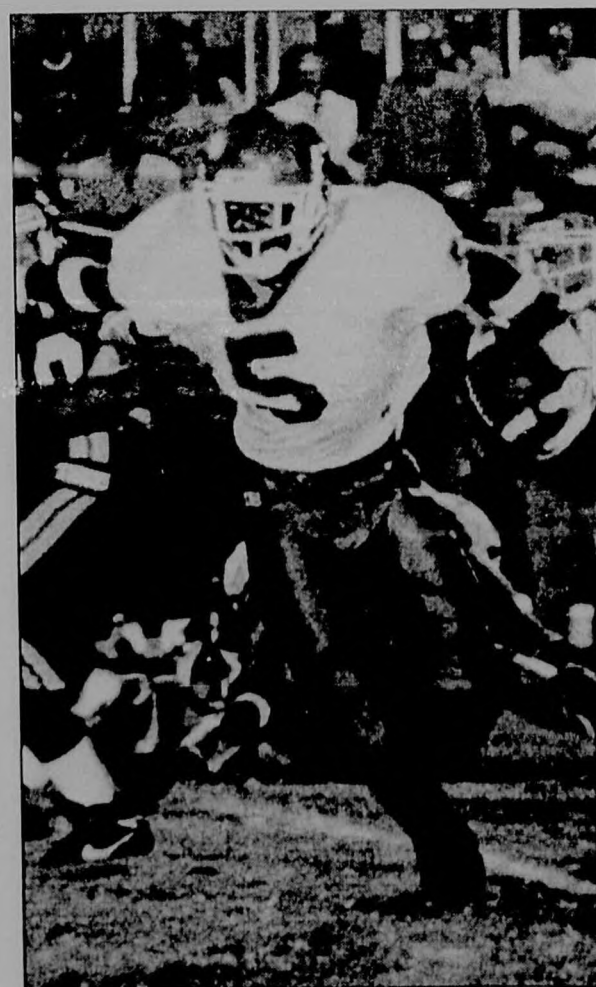
The Brantley defense claimed interceptions on McKenzie's first two possessions of the second half, with Javaree Cooper making the first interception and Chauncey Burnett grabbing the second. Burnett returned his interception 28 yards for a defensive score, and Gregory Daniels made it 7 for 7 with the extra point as the Bulldogs' lead went to 51-6.

The Tigers rode the passing arm of Eric Gomillion to drive 80 yards in seven plays as McKenzie scored

STATISTICS			
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1st Downs	16	1st Downs	10
Rushes-Yds.	24/48	Rushes-Yds.	23/14
Passing Yds.	41	Passing Yds.	169
Total Offense	489	Total Offense	155
Passes	6-12-0	Passes	11-23-2
Return Yds.	35	Return Yds.	62
Fumbles Lost	0	Fumbles Lost	1
Penalties-Yds.	12-137	Penalties-Yds.	1-5
Punts-Ave.	2-29	Punts-Ave.	2-40



Brantley's Andy Johnson (4) prepares to air one out in the Bulldogs' big 58-14 area win over McKenzie last week.



Brantley's Darrell Owens (5) gained 151 yards on 8 carries and scored 2 touchdowns in the Bulldogs' 58-14 win over McKenzie.

Kinston High School plans homecoming

Kinston High School will celebrate homecoming Friday, Oct. 1. Scheduled events are as follows:

Parade begins at 2:15 p.m., with band, floats and all entries journeying through downtown Kinston; plates of barbecue, sponsored by Kinston Athletic Club, will be available between 3 and 5 p.m., cost \$4.00; Open House and alumni reception to be held in Mr. Gooden's classroom 4-7 p.m.

Kickoff of Kinston vs. Florala football game will be at 7:30, with coronation of homecoming court during halftime.

A disco dance will follow the game until midnight. Prices are \$4 per couple and \$3 stag for grades 7-12; \$3 per couple and \$2 stag for grades 5-6.

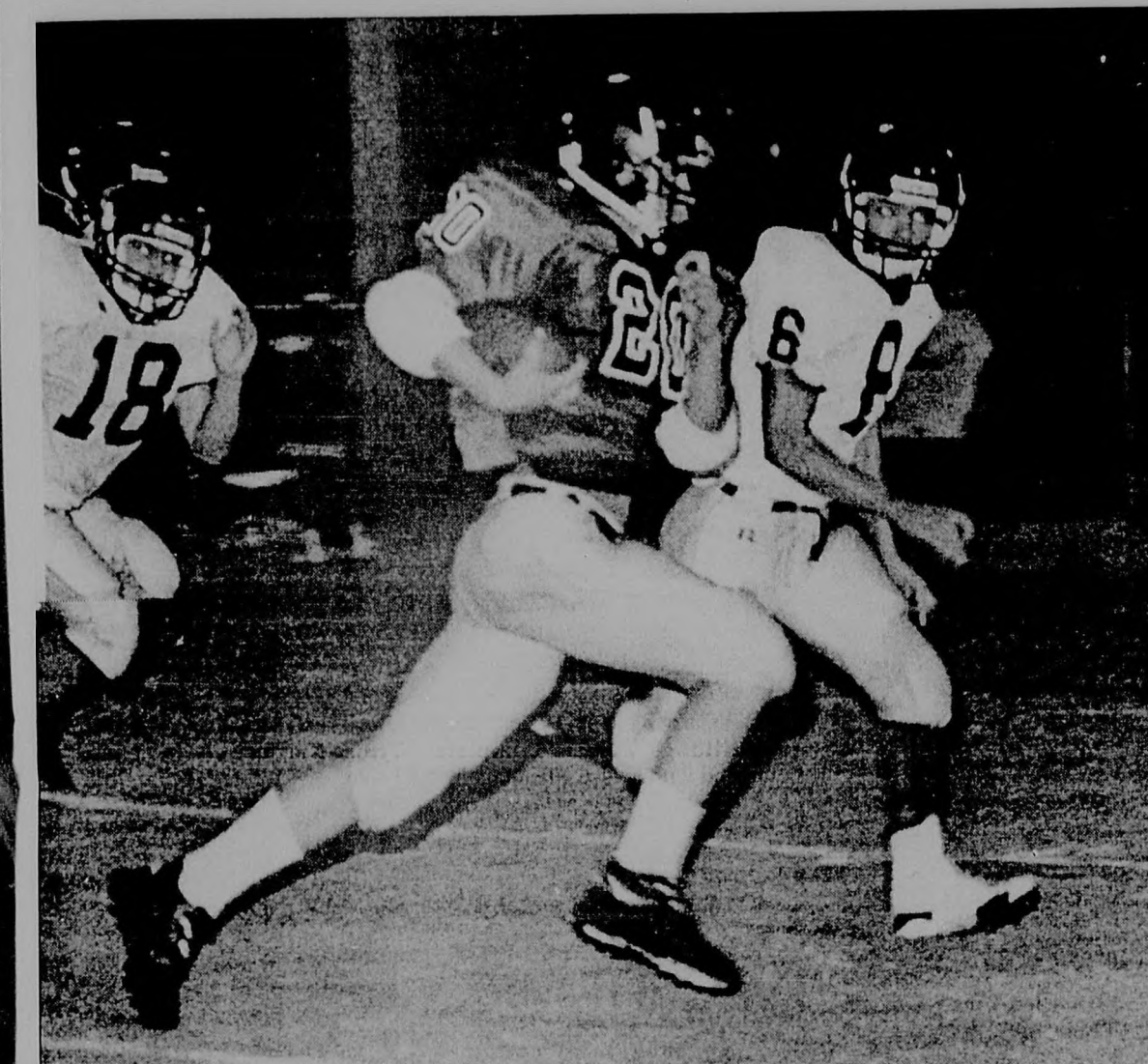
All fans and alumni are invited to celebrate these events.

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SPORTS



A New Brockton defender closes in to make the stop in the Gamecocks' 21-6 area win over Straughn. The Gamecocks will host Zion Chapel Friday night in the renewal of the cross-county rivalry between the Gamecocks and the Rebels.



Zion Chapel's David Calhoun (20) heads upfield for a big gain in the Rebels' 27-0 loss to the Ariton Purple Cats. Calhoun and the Rebels will invade New Brockton Friday night to battle the New Brockton Gamecocks in a Coffee County civil war.

Zion Chapel still hunting first win after 27-0 defeat to Ariton Purple Cats

By Tony Calhoun

The Zion Chapel Rebels hosted the Ariton Purple Cats Friday night in the annual renewal of an age-old high school football rivalry, and while the scoreboard didn't work and kept the fans guessing about how much time was left in each of the quarters, there wasn't any problem remembering the score as the Purple Cats rolled to an impressive 27-0 win.

The loss left the Rebels with an 0-4 record, while the Purple Cats improved to 4-0 with the win. Justin Senn scored on a 6-yard dash and Ronnie Boswell added a 1-yard touchdown plunge to lead the Purple Cats on the ground, while Kris Grantham passed for 207 yards in the win, and had scoring passes of 24 yards to Chris Logan and 36 yards to Matt Grantham to round out the Ariton touchdown tally.



Zion Chapel's Adam Blake (88) drags down an Ariton running back for a short gain in last week's 27-0 loss to the undefeated Purple Cats. The Rebels will battle New Brockton this week in a cross-county clash.

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New Brockton moves atop area standings with 21-6 victory over Straughn Tigers

By Josh Lewis

The New Brockton Gamecocks put a season's worth of disappointment behind them Friday night and took a giant step toward claiming the Class 2A, Area 3 championship at the same time as they ripped the Straughn Tigers 21-6, in Gamecock Stadium.

The win improved the Gamecocks' record to 1-3, 1-1 in Area 3 action, while the Tigers slipped to 1-3, 1-1 in Area 3 play, with the loss.

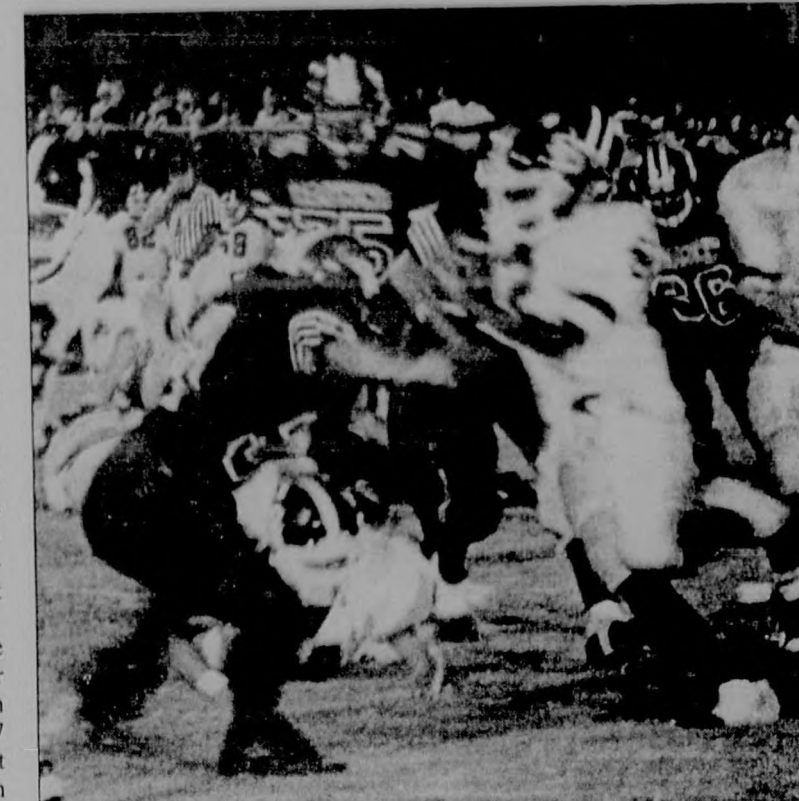
New Brockton played give-away on its first possession of the night as the Gamecocks failed to move the chains and then handed the ball over to Straughn at the New Brockton 27-yardline on a fumbled punt attempt.

The Tigers were thankful for the early turnover, and scored on their first snap of the night when Jason Walden broke loose and rambled 27 yards for a touchdown. A two-point try failed, but with 9:22 still left in the opening stanza Straughn had jumped on top 6-0.

The Gamecock offense was unable to get anything going on its next two possessions, but the New Brockton defense was determined to keep the Tigers out of the endzone, and held the Tigers on downs on the Gamecock end of the field on both scoring threats, and after one quarter the Gamecocks trailed only 6-0, thanks to the aggressive New Brockton defense!

The Gamecocks finally got a break late in the second quarter when Andre Flowers recovered a Tiger fumble near midfield, and the turnover seemed to pump life into the dormant Gamecock offense as New Brockton grabbed the lead at 14-6 with 11:20 left in the game.

The New Brockton defense stopped Straughn on downs at the Gamecock 25-yardline with 8:50 remaining in the game, and the



A host of Gamecock defenders close in to make the stop on a Tiger running back. The New Brockton defense rose to the challenge to lead the Gamecocks to the area win.

the Gamecocks were tied at 6-6 with only 20 left in the half.

New Brockton's Nathan Rainey recovered a Straughn fumble near midfield with 1:49 left in the third quarter, and the Gamecock offense once again took advantage of the Tiger turnover as the Gamecocks quickly moved downfield to score. The touchdown came on a 12-yard run by Pate Harrison, and Harrison also bulled over for the two-point conversion, as New Brockton grabbed the lead at 14-6 with 11:20 left in the game.

The New Brockton defense stopped Straughn on downs at the Gamecock 25-yardline with 8:50 remaining in the game, and the

Gamecock offense put the win in the bag as it marched 75 yards for the final points of the night.

A 60-yard pass completion from Kellen Cole to Andre Flowers was a key play in the scoring drive, while the touchdown came on a 28-yard scamper by Jason McKenzie. Andre Flowers tackled on the extra point, and with 8:01 left in the game it was all over but the celebrating as the Gamecocks owned a 21-6 advantage.

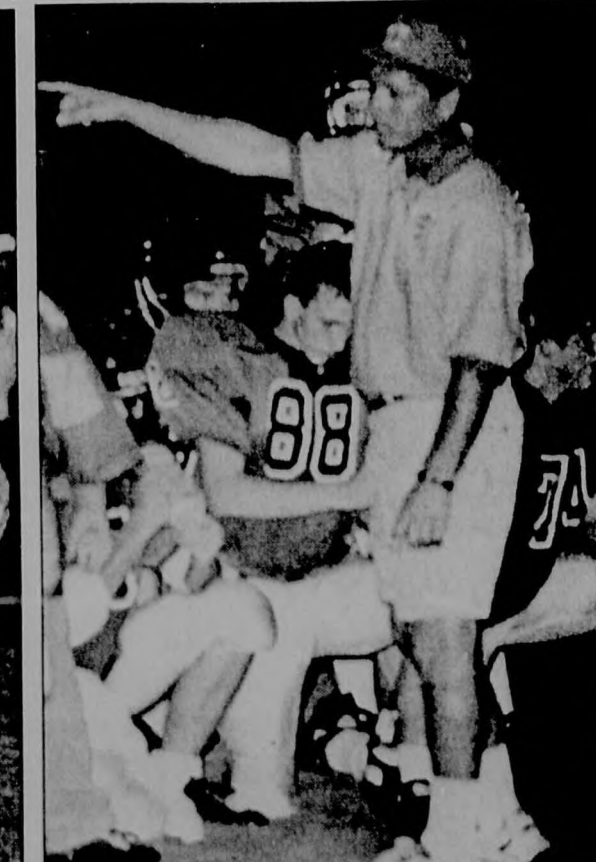
Pate Harrison gained 108 yards on 17 carries to lead the New Brockton offense, while Jason Walden led Straughn with 130 yards on 17 carries.



Zion Chapel marching band members and majorettes perform during halftime of the Zion Chapel - Ariton football game Friday night. The Rebel Band has been an award winning organization for many years and this season has continued its excellence on the field.



A trio of Rebel defenders combine to bring down a Purple Cat runner in last week's battle against Ariton. Zion Chapel will travel to New Brockton Friday night hunting its first win of the season against the New Brockton Gamecocks.



Zion Chapel coach Randy Grant instructs his team during a time-out in last week's 27-0 loss to Ariton. Coach Grant will lead the Rebels to New Brockton Friday night for a battle against the New Brockton Gamecocks in a cross-county clash.

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Wallace Community College appoints new academic dean

Wallace Community College President Dr. Linda C. Young recently announced that Dr. William H. (Bill) Brown has been named Dean of Academic Affairs for the College. Brown holds an Ed.D. degree in the Administration of Higher Education from the University of Alabama. He also earned master's and bachelor's degrees in Business Administration from Troy State University.

Long associated with the community college system, Brown earned two associate degrees from Enterprise State Junior College. He comes to Wallace from Bevill State Community College near Birmingham where he served as Assistant Dean. Brown's career also includes service as Dean of Financial Affairs at Brewer State Junior College and Chairman of the Division of Computer and Information Science at Enterprise State Junior College.

Brown's arrival in Dothan marks his return home. He is a native of the Wiregrass, growing up in Elba and later moving to Enterprise, where he lived for several years. He has a daughter, Melanie Walsh, who lives in the Dothan area with her husband, Ronny, and their one-year-old daughter, Ashton. Brown resides in Dothan with his wife, Cathy and son Ben.

Propane gas industry provides state-of-the-art training materials to Elba Fire Dept.

The U.S. propane gas industry is pleased to announce the release of a new comprehensive training program for America's public safety agencies and propane retailers. The educational package includes a 220 page textbook called Propane Emergencies which is being distributed free of charge this summer to every fire department in America, including the Elba Fire Department.

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McCormick also said that the development and distribution of the program would enable the local fire department and the area's propane retailers to share information and discuss local plans for handling a propane emergency.

"Safety comes first in our industry," added McCormick. "This is our way of making our communities safer."

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All beekeepers, farmers, and interested citizens in beekeeping are invited to attend. Registration for the meeting is \$35 per person, which includes meals. For additional information, contact Bobby Fanning, Secretary/Treasurer, at 1332 Four Mile Post Road, Huntsville, AL 35802 (Tel: 256-883-9601) or Jim Smith, President, at 3280 Salco Road, Chunchula, AL 36521 (Tel: 334-675-9129).

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ODESSA BROWN, DECEASED.
CASE NO. PC-99-60
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY EXECUTOR

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to **DORIS FARMER**, on the 2nd day of September, 1999, by the Hon. William Gammill, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE
Default being made in the conditions of that certain mortgage executed by **Troy A. Fillingim and wife, Holly S. Fillingim**, to the Peoples Bank of Coffee County, a banking corporation, on March 27, 1997, and recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division, in Mortgage Book 17-A, page 424, said mortgage to realize the entire indebtedness hereby given to the West R.O.W. of Coffee County Road #209; hence S 86°17'00" W along an old fence 250.0 feet to a point; thence S 02°34'00" E 524.10 feet to a point; thence N 86°17'00" E 230.0 feet to the West R.O.W. of Coffee County Road #209; thence N 86°17'00" E 230.0 feet to the West R.O.W. of Coffee County Road #209 524.10 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said property being located in the NW 1/4 of NW 1/4, Section 35, T7N, R21E, and containing 3.007 acres, more or less.

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1983 Chevrolet Bus (#83-50 bad engine) 1GBK6P1A4DV132991
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All of the above items sold as is, no warranty. Items can be viewed at the Coffee County Buy Shop in New Brockton, Alabama between the hours of 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday beginning September 20, 1999 until 12 noon on October 4, 1999.

All sealed bids must be in the superintendent's office located at 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba, Alabama 36323, no later than 1:00 p.m. on October 4, 1999. At this time if bids are acceptable they will be awarded to the highest bidder. If bids are awarded all items must be removed from premises within 10 working days from date of bid opening.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM PATTON, JR., DECEASED.
CASE NO. PC-99-56
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to **ARTHUR WILLIAMS**, on the 27th day of August, 1999, by the Hon. William Gammill, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

NOTICE OF SALE
The following abandoned vehicle will be sold to the highest bidder on Sept. 30, 1999. Camaro RS 1G1FF2TBL123628. The auction will be held at the Court-house, Elba, AL at 12:00 noon. We reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

ESTATE OF HAYWOOD FILLINGIM DECEASED
PROBATE COURT
Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 21st day of September, 1999, by the Honorable William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

ESTATE OF MARY M. NEWTON DECEASED
PROBATE COURT
Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 16th day of September, 1999, by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

ESTATE OF ROBERT F. NEWTON
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Friendship Baptist Church in the Holley Street Community (Junction of Coffee Co. Rds. 460 and 477), will have revival services Oct. 3-6. Times of services will be 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 3, and 7 p.m. on remaining nights. Revival speaker will be Rev. Steve Bruce, and special music will be provided each night. A time of fellowship will follow the Wednesday night service.

Don't forget to register to vote!

The Coffee County Board of Registrars reminds county residents that the last day to register to vote for the Oct. 12 election is Friday, Oct. 1. You can register at the Elba Courthouse, Enterprise Courthouse, Enterprise Library or the Board of Registrars Office in New Brockton. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

American Red Cross needs your help

The American Red Cross needs your help. To insure that we are able to supply area hospitals with the needed blood, we ask that you take 45 minutes to an hour on Sept. 23 (TODAY) and go to Zion Chapel High School and give the gift of life. All blood donations are greatly appreciated. Eligible donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and have not donated blood in the past 56 days. The Gulf Coast Region of the American Red Cross serves 61 hospitals in Central Alabama. For more information, contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-766-8680.

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Scenes from Spirit Day in Elba last Saturday



Coffee on the Keyboard

Basic Computer Tips and Ideas for RAW Beginners

by Kendra Coffee
Editor Opening Page

Computer Tips and Ideas for RAW Beginners (and others)

REGULAR MAINTENANCE WITH SCANDISK

Would you let your car go more than 5,000 miles without an oil change? Probably not. And you shouldn't let your system go more than a month without disk maintenance. All you have to do is to click your mouse 7 times and it will do the maintenance itself. I am going to show you where to do those 7 clicks.

On a regular basis, remind yourself at the beginning of each new month, use ScanDisk to check your hard disk for errors. It will also fix them (usually).

Also use Disk Defragmenter to reunite the data that's scattered all over your system. Together, these routines can help ensure that your system is running much faster. To run ScanDisk, click Start, click Programs, click Accessories, click System Tools, click ScanDisk. Click the drive you want to scan, then click Standard or thorough. (Standard checks the files and folders on your hard disk. Thorough does that AND checks the drive itself for damaged or unusable areas.)

Assuming you aren't an expert at fixing drive errors, make sure "Automatically Fix Errors" is selected, then click OK. When ScanDisk finishes (it can take quite a while—especially the Thorough check), you'll see a dialog box detailing the results. But it will work while you go out to lunch and probably be there patiently blinking at you when you return.

NAMING RANGES THAT INTERSECT IN EXCEL WORKSHEETS

This might be considered a little more advanced than most raw beginners get into, but it is such a short learning curve from novice to expert I am going to include it especially because it makes something that could be complicated very easy.

In Excel you can name a range of cells. Then you can refer to that range by its name. This is easy and can be very convenient. It is easier and more meaningful to remember a designated name than coordinates. A name like "August" or "reimbursed" gives a clue as to what you are dealing with.

With named ranges you can simply tell it to subtract August from September. Also it is okay to assign names to Excel cells that belong to a group of already-named cells that intersect or overlap. If that sounds a little complex at first, bear with me, there will be times when you have a need for this.

Try this easy exercise, do this sample procedure once or twice and you will "own it." That is you will know it and be able to use it quickly and easily when you need it.

Open a blank worksheet and add some numbers to a few cells. Just go down a column putting in a number, hitting enter after another and enter and so on.

Now, select (highlight with the mouse) the cells and drag the selection to the right. To drag, after you have selected the area point the mouse to the center of it and hold the left mouse key down and you can move the entire area to a new location. This technique can also be used for moving an entire paragraph in Word.

Now, select (highlight) these cells and drag them downward. This will fill a fairly good sized area with numbers. Next, select (highlight) a few rows across the entire group of filled cells and choose

Insert
Name
Define

When the Define Name dialog box opens, type a name (such as "Bob") and click Add. Now, click OK to close the dialog box and save your new name assignment. Next, select some columns in the same set of data. Make sure your selection includes some of the previously named range.

Choose Insert
Name
Define

Define — and type a new name (such as "Chandler"). Click Add, and then click OK to close the dialog box and save your new name. Let's say that you named the first range Bob and the second range Chandler as above.

Go to an empty cell and enter:
=sum (Bob)

Next, move to another empty cell and enter:
=sum (Chandler)

You can see that Excel doesn't care that the two named ranges intersect.

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Kendra

In another tip, we'll discuss the second part of your monthly maintenance routine, Disk Defragmenter. (You should run ScanDisk before you run Disk Defragmenter, because you can't defragment a disk with errors on it.)

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BALLARD BRIDGE ON AL HWY. 134 TO BE REPLACED WITH WIDER BRIDGE

Gov. Siegelman approves U. S. Hwy. 84 project

by Linda Hodge, Staff Writer

As Alabama Governor Don Siegelman made his way to the stage of the Elba High School Auditorium last Thursday for a noon press conference, he walked with confidence in knowing that the major announcement he was about to make would please the people of this community.

Many area citizens, elected officials, students and business people gathered in the nearly packed auditorium to hear Siegelman's announcement of the details of three new highway proposals that will have what he called a significant impact on the Wiregrass region of southeast Alabama.

"I came here today to announce three very important safety and economic projects for this area," Siegelman said.

In what was referred to as one of the largest construction projects this area as ever seen, Siegelman announced his approval of the plan to four-lane U.S. Highway 84 from Andalusia to Enterprise.

"This is the most ambitious non-freeway highway proposal in the state at the present time," he said. "This improvement to U.S. Highway 84 is long overdue and, without question, will have an impact on

economic development and safety in that area."

The governor said this plan includes four-laning 42 miles of the highway through Andalusia, Opp, Elba, New Brockton and Enterprise. The project is estimated to carry a cost of \$185 million and will be broken down into five design sections with 11 different construction phases.

"This project will span over the next five years," said Siegelman. "When completed, U.S. 84 will be a four-lane highway from Andalusia to the Georgia line."

Another project Siegelman announced which will have a direct effect on Coffee County, as well as, send a sigh of relief among many travelers is the replacement of the Ballard Bridge over the Pea River on Alabama Highway 134.

In January 1998, four area residents lost their lives when an accident between a fertilizer truck, gasoline carrying tractor-trailer and Blazer occurred on the bridge.

Ricky Morgan, a survivor of that fatal accident, was present during the governor's press conference and expressed his concerns about the conditions of the bridge which was a contributing factor to the accident which he took a year from his life and even more from others.

Morgan said he had wondered many times if anything would ever be done about that bridge.

"We are going to replace Ballard Bridge," Siegelman said. "You don't have to wonder if it's going to be done any longer."

The governor said the engineering work has already begun on the bridge with construction scheduled to begin in early 2001.

In a third project, Siegelman announced a 4.2 mile, \$900,000 pavement rehabilitation project for County Road 112 in Midland City. He said this rehabilitation would offer better access to Wallace College, and construction buildings were to open last Friday.

Siegelman commended area officials for making these projects possible and said the people should know of the hard work being done.

"I wanted to be here today if for nothing else than to let you know you have a great group of leaders here," he said.

The governor especially commended Senator Jimmy Holley, Representative Terry Spicer and Speaker of the House Scott Hammett for all their hard work and dedication to the people of this area.

Rep. Spicer was present for the announcement, along with Holley and Hammett, and he said the

impact of the governor's announcements will pay great dividends for the county, region and state.

"This is something that the people have talked about for the last 20 years or so," Spicer said. "I feel that it is a step in the right direction to attract more attention and industry to our area."

Before departing Elba, the governor took a moment to mention the upcoming Oct. 12 election by saying, "We owe it to every child to allow them to have the best education they can get."

He compared the proposed lottery to the announcement of the road projects in that he viewed it all as economic development for the state of Alabama.

"I ask you to search your hearts today and ask yourself if there is any other way to give hundreds of millions of dollars to send our children to college tuition free," said Siegelman. "With your one vote, we can give every child the expectation that they can go to college and prosper. With your one vote, we can make Alabama the best it can be."

City's projected budget totals \$2.2 million

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Monday evening the Elba City Council approved an operating budget for 1999-2000 with a projected income totaling \$2,147,500, up \$89,433 from the year ending today (Thursday). The increase comes largely from an increased sales tax base in Elba, with \$60,000 of the growth coming from sales and use tax. There is also a projected increase of \$10,000 in ad valorem (property) taxes within the City of Elba, and garbage fees are projected to increase by \$10,000. Local privilege licenses should increase by \$5,000 also.

Even with the increase in revenue, the City of Elba continues to depend on \$363,000 annual transfer from the Water and Electric Board to fund basic public needs.

For the first time in recent history, the proposed budget includes a reserve for emergency of \$57,300. Of course as the meeting adjourned, there was talk of how this reserve could be spent, if in fact income was as high as projected.

The new budget calls for the purchase of two new police cars and \$10,000 worth of mowing equipment for the recreation department, which has the added chore of maintaining the house lots involved in the ongoing flood buy-out program.

Also in the Capital Expenditure budget is \$65,000 to pay the city match on a CDBG grant for some additional sewer extension work.

Departments showing an increase include: capital expenditure (\$37,000); recreation (\$11,500); street department (\$7,000); fire

department (\$4,500); and appropriations (\$5,500). Mayor James Grimes explained that several items not previously listed in the appropriations budget, but funded annually, were officially listed this year.

Departments showing a decrease include: Administration (\$47,867) due largely to a drop in garbage and landfill fees and a \$15,000 drop in the cost of employee retirement and police (\$4,100).

All this included an across-the-board employee pay raise, plus some merit raises.

The council voted to appoint Larry Suley to serve on the abatement board. This brings this board up to its total membership. Also approved was a grant resolution, applying for law enforcement improvement funds from ADECA.

The application totals \$59,380 and includes a resource officer at the school, computer, software, and some other equipment.

Grimes reported the pecan trees at the North end of the airport will be trimmed, beginning this week.

The council accepted a proposal from the county commission to continue the agreement on using the Elba dog pound for a fee of \$500.

A Thank You note to the police department was read to the council. It was from a couple from Florida who had car trouble in Elba while evacuating from Hurricane Floyd. They thanked the police for their great help.

Rush Enterprises, Inc. joins Dorsey Trailers, Inc.'s dealer network

Dorsey Trailers, Inc. (DSYT) and Rush Enterprises, Inc. (RUSH) jointly announced recently that they have signed an agreement whereby Rush Enterprises, Inc. has become a dealer for Dorsey Trailers, Inc. Under the agreement, Dorsey Trailers, Inc. will be a trailer supplier to Rush Enterprises. Rush Enterprises is the largest Peterbilt dealer in North America with 24 truck locations covering five states and over \$600 million in annual revenue.

Commenting on becoming a dealer for Dorsey Trailer, Inc.'s product, Marvin Rush, Chief Executive Officer of Rush Enterprises stated, "As we continue our process of becoming a complete one-stop sales and service shop for the truck distribution industry, we searched for a trailer manufacturer that would meet our high standard of excellence, integrity, dependability, and customer satisfaction. We believe, that due to Dorsey Trailers long history in the industry, the wide-breadth of product that Dorsey Trailers manufactures and their dedication to customer service, we have found the right long-term partner in our serving the trucking industry. We are excited about this new opportunity for us and Dorsey Trailers."

Marilyn R. Marks, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Dorsey Trailers, Inc. stated, "We are extremely proud to have found a company such as Rush Enterprises to market and distribute our product. Rush represents the same val-

NEWS BRIEFS

Local residents surprise burglars. At approximately 2:28 p.m. Monday, Elba police responded to 20896 Highway 87 North to a burglary in progress. According to Investigator Johnny Senn, the owners of the residence arrived home to find two suspects burglarizing their home. The owners attempted to stop the suspects when one of them pulled a weapon on the victims and fled the area. Police are looking for two black males last seen leaving the residence on a red two-door car. The burglars managed to leave with several items. The list of items missing and their value have not been determined. The incident remains under investigation by the Elba Police Department and anyone who may have been in the area or may have information concerning the incident should call the police at 897-2555.

Commission amends 1999-2000 budget even before its approval

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County commissioners, meeting in regular session, approved a budget for the 1999-2000 fiscal year by a vote of 5 to 2. The adoption of the proposed budget came after a lengthy discussion which resulted in two amendments being attached to the vote.

County Administrator Wilson Mobley presented the budget figures which had supposedly been worked out during budget hearings that the commissioners have been conducting in recent weeks; however, it seemed that all the "bugs" had not been ironed out.

The budget was presented by Mobley as follows: General Fund - \$4,002,000; Landfill Fund - \$2,670,000; Gasoline Fund - \$1,393,000; Public Building, Road & Bridge Fund - \$709,135; RRR Gasoline Fund - \$1,190,000; Public Highway & Traffic Fund - \$247,000; Reappraisal Fund - \$311,140; Total - \$10,522,275.

Commissioner Bernest Brooks made the motion seconded by Linda Westbrook to adopt the proposed budget as presented which included the allocation of the funds to specific projects.

During the discussion of the motion to adopt the budget, Commissioner Doug Dalrymple questioned the amount of money budgeted by the highway department and the lack of funds included for

the paving of dirt roads particularly in his district - District 4.

After quoting figures included in the highway department budget and statistics on the paved and unpaved roads in the county system, Dalrymple said, "I'm totally against this budget. I think the commissioners are doing a disservice to the people of District 4 and to me for agreeing to include these roads in the three-year plan and then not agreeing to fund them."

Commissioner Robert Stephens responded to Dalrymple's comments stating that the commission, along with department heads, had worked hard to present a balanced budget.

"A budget is a compromise — you lose some and you win some, and over the years I have won a few and lost a few — probably lost more than I won," he said. "I disagree with parts of the budget, but overall it's a good one."

Commissioner Brooks pointed out that the motion was to approve the "proposed budget" and that it could be modified at any time in the future.

As the discussion continued, it became apparent that Dalrymple's main concern was the paving of Co. Rd. 664. He stated that this road was in the three-year plan for dirt roads to be paved.

County Engineer Randy Tindell told commissioners that this road was included in the list of roads to

City of Elba recipient of \$294,106 storm drainage improvement grant

The continuing effort to recover from recent flooding in Elba took another step forward on Monday of this week when a \$294,106 storm drainage improvement grant was announced by Governor Don Siegelman. The governor also announced a \$79,918 relocation grant for Coffee County, to be used as match money in relocating homeowners whose property was damaged in the March, 1998 flooding. In all there were eight disaster recovery initiative grants totaling \$2,940,000 approved in the State of Alabama, all to areas damaged by tornadoes and flooding in the spring of 1998.

"I am pleased to authorize the funding of improvement efforts that will enhance the quality of life for many Alabamians," Siegelman said. Mayor James Grimes said the Elba grant is for drainage improvement work on Putnam Street and Martin Luther King Drive. As was noted in the governor's news release, the M.L. King Drive work is being done in the area where the two children died in the raging waters on that March Sunday morning, shortly before the levee broke along Beaver Dam Creek.

The Disaster Recovery Initiative grants are funded through the U. S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and administered by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA).

"I am pleased to authorize the funding of improvement efforts that

be paved, and the sequence in which they would be paved; however, no definite time frame has ever been established. They were to be done as time and funding permitted.

After several minutes of what could be termed as discussion or as maneuvering, Commissioner Tom Grimsley offered an amendment to the motion to adopt the budget and that the "proposed budget" be amended to include funding for the paving of Co. Rd. 664. Grimsley's motion was seconded by Commissioner Brooks, and more discussion followed.

It was pointed out that in order to pave Co. Rd. 664 within the next year, it would probably require contracting the work out in lieu of it being done by the city highway department. The estimated cost - \$500,000 (or approx. 3 miles).

Commissioner Linda Westbrook questioned the feasibility of spending this kind of money when it could be done much cheaper by county forces.

Commissioner Stephens referred back to the three-year plan chart stating that Co. Rd. 664 was supposed to be paved before Co. Rd.

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Area Happenings

AREA FOOTBALL GAMES. Area high school football games scheduled for Friday night are as follows: Elba High School travels to Geneva; Kinross plays host to Florala; New Brockton is at home against Samson; Brantley is on the road against Frisco City, and Zion Chapel has an open date. All games kick off at 7:30 p.m.

ALBERTA MARTIN DAY SCHEDULED. Sept. 30, 1999 (TODAY) has been set to honor Mrs. Alberta Martin, Elba's own oldest living Confederate widow in the United States. A reception will be held at Taylor Mill Oaks Assisted Living Facility, 2805 Taylor Mill Road, Elba, from 2-3:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

VOTING MACHINES TO BE TESTED. The voting machines for the Coffee County SPECIAL ELECTION to be held October 12, 1999 will be tested on Tuesday, October 5, 1999 beginning at 1:30 p.m. The tests will be conducted at the Farm Center at the Coffee County Agricultural Complex in New Brockton, AL. The general public is invited to attend. This testing is pursuant to title 17-24-7 and 17-24-9, Code of Alabama, 1975 as amended.

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